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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form
 2. ☒ Specification and Drawings [Total Pages 31]
 - Specification - (17 pages)
 - Claims - (7 pages)
 - Abstract - (1 page)
 - Sheets of Drawings - (7 sheets)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

 7. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assigned)
☐ Power of Attorney
8. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
 9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations

 3. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 a. ☐ Newly executed (original)
 b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
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 10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
☐ Drawings [Total Sheets]
☐ Letter to Official Draftsperson Including Drawings [Total Pages]
11. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
 4. ☐ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
 The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

 12. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
☐ Statements filed in prior application, (Status still proper and desired)
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
 14. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.

 6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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15. ☐ Patent Application Data Entry Form16. ☐ Other:
 17. ☐ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application Serial No. ____/____.
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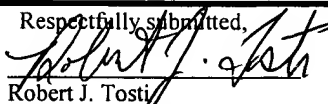
 18. ☒ Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119
☒ Priority of application Serial No. 60/130,541 filed on April 22, 1999 in USPTO is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
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